

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In the Office Action dated June 3, 2005, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner: (1) rejected in Section 3 claims 41, 43, 50, 52, 57-59, 93, 95, 98, 101, 103, 107-110, and 113 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. Des. 139,635 (to Walker) in view of U.S. Patent No. Des. 211,569 (to Rickel et al.); (2) rejected in Section 4 claims 44 and 96 as being unpatentable over Walker and Rickel et al. and further in view of Bolton; (3) rejected in Section 5 claims 45 and 97 as being unpatentable over Walker and Rickel et al. and further in view of Atkins; (4) rejected in Section 6 claims 51 and 102 as being unpatentable over Walker and Rickel et al. and further in view of Carrier; (5) rejected in Section 7 claims 53 and 104 as being unpatentable over Walker and Rickel et al. and further in view of Forsyth; and (6) rejected in Section 8 claims 54 and 105 as being unpatentable over Walker and Rickel et al. and further in view of Willard, Jr.

The Examiner also, in Section 9, stated that claims 42, 48, 49, 55, 94, 99, 100, and 106 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has rewritten claim 42 by incorporating its limitations into independent claim 41. Therefore, as amended, claim 41 is believed to be patentable. Claim 42 is cancelled. Claims 43-45, 48-55, 57-59, and 110 are dependent on claim 41 and so are also believed to be patentable.

Applicant has rewritten claim 94 by incorporating its limitations into independent claim 93. Therefore, as amended, claim 93 is believed to be patentable. Claim 94 is cancelled. Claims 95-109 and 113 are dependent on claim 93 and so are also believed to be patentable.

In Section 10, the Examiner allowed claims 60-71, 73-88, 90-92, 11, and 112, and Applicant wishes to accept that allowance. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner finds the recitation of a "single" front wheel as not distinguishing the present invention from the prior art. Therefore, to better claim that which is within the scope of the present invention, Applicant has amended the independent claims, and the relevant dependent claims, to delete the word "single". The triangular orientation of the


wheels is maintained. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept that amendment and maintain the allowance of the allowed claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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